

NEWSLETTER

MEA New Year Celebration: Reflecting on 2024 and Welcoming 2025

The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) hosted its annual New Year Celebration at the Cosy Club in Ulaanbaatar on December 29. The evening was a memorable occasion, bringing together our esteemed members, institutional partners, and friends from the global evaluation community. The program included highlights of our shared achievements in 2024, warm introductions, greetings from the board, and the excitement of raffle prizes.



We extend our sincere gratitude to all who participated in this special event. Your presence enriched the celebration and underscored the strength of our collective mission. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our organizing team, whose meticulous planning and creativity ensured the event's success. To our members abroad, we deeply appreciate your thoughtful holiday greetings and continued support.

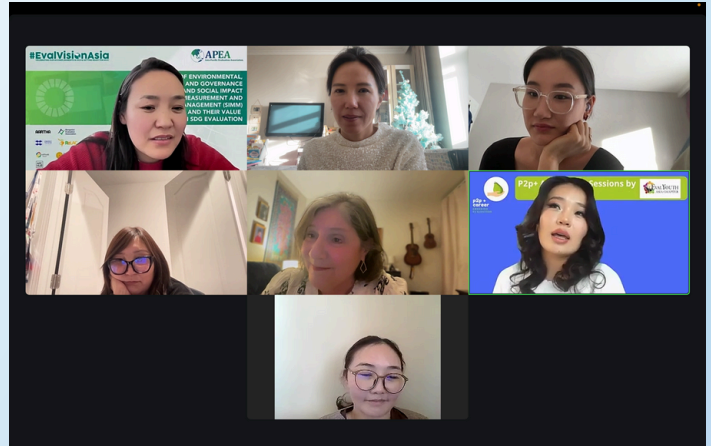
As we enter 2025, we look forward to building upon the achievements of the past year, pursuing new opportunities, and advancing the field of evaluation together. May this new year bring further collaboration, growth, and success to the entire MEA community.

Wishing everyone a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Together, let us strive for excellence and reach even greater milestones in 2025!

Power of Story

Honoring Contributions Through the Power of Story

The “Power of Story” capacity-building session was a heartfelt session organized by master story-teller Ms. Anne-Louise Sterry, for MEA’s Board, Committee and TIG members. MEA is grateful to Ms. Anne-Louise for training MEA leaders in their efforts to advocate power and impact of evaluation in fostering meaningful change. and to communicate and create more engaging, memorable, and persuasive reports.



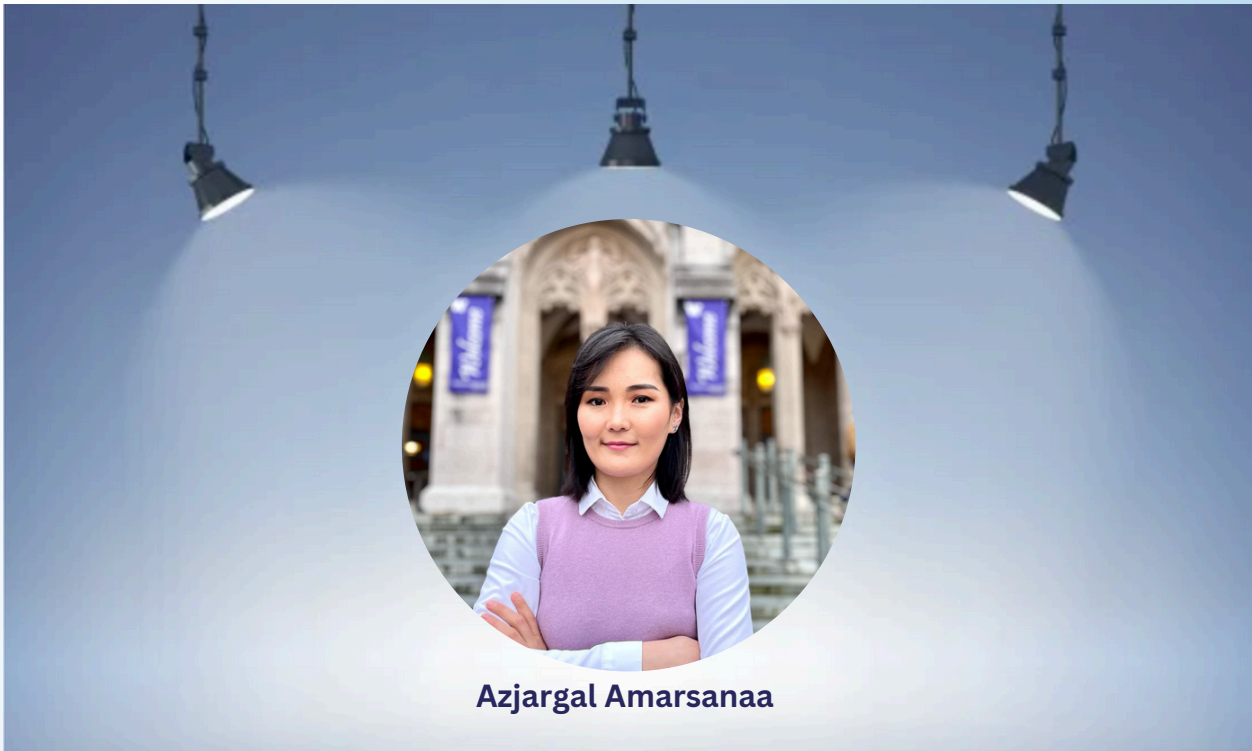
As Anne-Louise highlights, using storytelling in a professional evaluation setting, evaluators need to weave real-life examples and anecdotes into your analysis, focusing on key details and emotions to vividly illustrate the impact of a program or initiative, while ensuring the story aligns with the evaluation data and remains relevant to your audience.

Contribution to Regional Capacity Building



MS. Uugantsetseg Gonchigdorj, MEA Board Member and Treasurer, who also serves as Co-Leader of EvalYouth Asia, contributed to the organization of the Asia Pacific Young and Emerging Winter School in Sri Lanka. This event brought together young and emerging evaluators from across the region, focusing on skill development and collaboration. Her efforts highlight MEA’s commitment to fostering evaluation capacity and youth leadership, strengthening Mongolia’s presence in the global evaluation community.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Azjargal Amarsanaa

Ms. Azjargal Amarsanaa is originally from Murun, the provincial center of Khuvsgul Aimag. After studying in Ulaanbaatar, she taught English in Khatgal village and later taught Mongolian at the University of Washington as a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) through the Fulbright Program. She has since returned to Khentii Province, where she implemented a Pearson English pilot project, which is now being introduced in public schools throughout Mongolia. At the same time, she worked as an English teacher at the first international boarding school in Berkh, Khentii.

The Mongolian Evaluation Association has received a seed grant for the “Indigenous Evaluation Knowledge Transfer Activities for the Asia Pacific Region” for the 2024-2025 period from the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association. Ms. Azjargal Amarsanaa played a crucial role in collaborating with the Tsaatan community and engaging with younger generations who have migrated to Ulaanbaatar. She has extensive experience as a tour guide in northern Mongolia, particularly in the Darkhad Depression and with the Tsaatan community.

Throughout her career, Ms. Amarsanaa has been involved in various teaching projects across multiple levels of educational institutions. She has identified a significant issue in the education sector in Mongolia: the lack of preparation and evaluation. The pressure and demands placed on teachers can be overwhelming, especially for less experienced young educators. This burden often leads to job dissatisfaction and can result in teachers leaving their positions. She is dedicated to promoting educational equality and accessibility in rural areas through the Mongolian Evaluation Association's topical interest group in Education.

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